



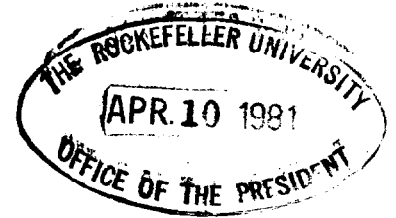
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SUMEX COMPUTER PROJECT

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Dear Dr. Colby:

The AIM Executive Committee has considered carefully your research proposal, "Cognitive Structures in Psychiatric Taxonomy," for continued access to the SUMEX Resource.

I must emphasize that because the system is so heavily loaded now, decisions concerning access to the system are dependent on the assignment of priorities to projects under consideration. An important component of such assignment is a determination of how critical are the unique features of SUMEX to the proposed research. Additionally, the Executive Committee is dedicated to promoting the use of the system by new projects in the field of artificial intelligence applied to biomedicine.

The Executive Committee agrees that the work you are doing is important. However, they consider its AI focus to be significantly less than that of other projects on SUMEX. The Committee identified no unique need in your proposal for the particular features of SUMEX at this time, and felt that other resources, available commercially in the Los Angeles area, could be employed conveniently to meet your project's needs. The AIM Executive Committee necessarily assigned a low priority to the proposal and, therefore, was unable to approve continuation of your research access to the SUMEX Resource. The Committee urges you to seek an alternative computing resource. The SUMEX staff will be happy to supply the SPELL dictionaries for your use on another system.

I regret we are unable to approve your proposal; however, I believe that you can understand and appreciate the basis for that decision. Your personal access to SUMEX will be maintained as an AIM Associate, which will facilitate your continued communication with us.

Sincerely,

Roy H. Maffly, M.D.
AIM Liaison
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cc: AIM Executive Committee

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